

The Ohio Coalition for

Equity & Adequacy

Of School Funding

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Dear Congressman Fattah:

I write as executive director of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding (Coalition) to transmit support for the Student Bill of Rights legislation introduced by you and Senator Dodd. We wish to express our appreciation to you for introducing this watershed legislation.

The undergirding principle of the legislation is that adequate resources must be available for all school children, particularly when schools and students are held accountable for results. The Coalition has held to this principle since the DeRolph School Funding Case was filed in 1991. We are on the same page and thus offer our wholehearted support for HR 236.

Nearly 50 years ago in *Brown v. Board of Education*, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that education must be provided on equal terms. However, students in Ohio and many other states still suffer irreparable education harm by attending public schools that are deprived of adequate resources. The No Child Left Behind Act will not correct this egregious situation. Hence, your Student Bill of Rights legislation is critical.

Sincerely,

William L. Phillis